

## TRUST CO. N. AGENT'S HANDS

State Examiner Takes Charge of the Monmouth Concern That Closed Its Doors to Avoid a Run.

### UGLY RUMORS ARE AFLOAT.

Hint that There May Be a Loss When the Company's Accounts Are Investigated—Depositors at Asbury Park Are Aroused.

State Bank Examiner James R. Vredenburg to-day took charge of the Monmouth Trust and Safe Deposit Company, which shut down with the First National Bank at Asbury Park, N. J., the latter being closed by order of the Comptroller of the Currency, Mr. Vredenburg, with an assistant, is going over the books of the trust company.

"Until our investigation is completed," he said, "which will be a matter of two or three days, no statement of the condition of the trust company will be issued."

Mr. Vredenburg lives in Somerville. He was instructed late last night by the State Banking and Insurance Department to hurry to Asbury Park. President A. C. Twining was in the office of the trust company when the State Examiner arrived, while a large crowd of small depositors, principally women of the poorer class, thronged the main entrance of the building.

After exchanging courtesies with National Bank Examiner J. W. Schofield, who with a force of clerks is at work on the books of the First National, across the hall from the trust company, Mr. Vredenburg consulted with President Twining in the inner offices of the latter institution.

In order to scatter the crowd which became threatening when the Trust Company's doors remained closed, emissaries of that institution circulated a report that Daniel O'Day, Standard Oil magnate, had sent \$100,000 to the relief of President Twining. The money was declared to be on the way, but would not reach here before Monday. This report had the desired effect.

### No Aid From Mr. O'Day.

Mr. O'Day's handsome summer home is at Deal, near by, and its owner is now abroad, but his representatives here emphatically denied that he was concerned in the trust company's affairs, although his name had been used as a director on Mr. Twining's prospectus.

Samuel A. Patterson, director of the trust company, before leaving for New York on the noon train, said: "Whether the trust company will open its doors again depends altogether upon the stability of securities held by its officers. Just how much money has been advanced to the Frazar Mountain Copper Company, of New Mexico, which was promoted by the President, I cannot say. I do not know the value of those securities."

Mr. Patterson stated that \$50,000 worth of copper stock had been sold in Asbury Park. He said that Twining, when in New Mexico, was named after President Twining of the trust company, who is a director in the bank, and until four years ago was its cashier.

An effort will be made to reopen the trust company on Thursday provided the institution is pronounced solvent by the State Examiner.

### A Proposed Settlement.

President George F. Kroehl, of the First National Bank, and President A. C. Twining, of the Monmouth Trust and Safe Deposit Company, late this afternoon went into conference at Asbury Park with Mr. Steinbach, of the Steinbach Company, dry goods and clothing dealers, to consider a proposition from a syndicate of business men to assume the obligations of the defunct bank and continue the business of both institutions.

Federal Bank Examiner Schofield has telegraphed the Comptroller of the Currency concerning this latest development, asking whether the Government will entertain such a proposition. Mr. Steinbach's syndicate is composed of M. L. Bannan, wholesale grocer; Charles Lewis, real estate broker; and Frank B. Conover, representative of the De Forest Bros., New York.

## ROOSEVELT SIGNS COMMERCE BILL.

Anti-Trust Measure Which Was Opposed by John D. Rockefeller Is Now a Law.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—The President has signed the General Act of Commerce bill and the General Staff bill.

This action completes work on the measure which the President signed on Jan. 22. The President had sought to stop by telegraphing orders to various Senators. The bill, which is now a law, provides for an investigation of all trusts and the calling of witnesses to further any inquiry deemed necessary.

### A World of Information.

The Journal is glad to greet The World Almanac and Encyclopedia for 1903. We could hardly do business without this indispensable reference book in our editorial room. No volume is more frequently referred to during the year, and it is wonderful what a world of information, statistics, up-to-date news, and general knowledge it contains. Daily Kennebec Journal.

## LOVE SCORNER, SHE SOUGHT HIS HOUSE TO DIE.

Widow, Infatuated with Fireman, Went to His Home and in Presence of His Wife Fired Two Shots at Herself.

The love letters of a fireman were read in Harlem Police Court to-day when Annie Hanson, a widow, of No. 224 East Fifty-seventh street, was arraigned on a charge of disorderly conduct. Incidentally there was testimony on the part of Mrs. Hanson that Michael Nevins, a fireman in an engine-house in Great Jones street, is the most ardent wooer she ever ran across.

"I never thought a man could make love like him," said Mrs. Hanson.

There was another woman in court, no less than Mrs. Nevins, the wife of Michael. She was the complainant, the scornful complainant, for she is young and comely, and Mrs. Hanson's entrance into the court was a scene of beauty. It appears that Mrs. Hanson went to the home of Mrs. Nevins last night, and in the presence of the fireman's wife tried to plant a couple of bullets in her own anatomy. One of the bullets struck a cushion on her coat; the other struck a corner steel, and she was not injured.

### Thinks She Meant to Kill Her.

"This woman," said Mrs. Nevins, "has been trying to break up my home. I believe she intended to kill me last night, but changed her mind and tried to kill herself. She filled my house with powder smoke and carried on so that I had to have her arrested."

"I did try to kill myself," admitted Mrs. Hanson. "I did it because my husband deserted me when trouble came. For a year he made love to me, and the way he made love would open a woman's eyes. I never thought a man could make love like that. I gave him all the love I had in my heart."

"I was keeping a restaurant at the time and fed all the firemen of engines 12, 14 and 17 and truck 1. That is how I met her husband. After he had my heart another fireman wrote to his wife and he quit me."

"Do you think my husband would

leave me for the likes of you?" broke in Mrs. Nevins.

Mrs. Hanson looked at the fireman's handsome wife and had a fit of hysterics. When she recovered she produced a large bundle of letters which she handed to the Magistrate. They were the fireman's love letters—every one of them. Here is a sample:

### Thinking of Her Always.

"Dear Annie: I received your very welcome letter. I am sorry, though, to see that you are getting the blues. You must not see that, dear. Of course we cannot see each other every day, but there is nothing to stop us thinking of each other, which I can assure you I am doing all the time. You are continually in my mind. I am always anxiously waiting for the time to come when I can see you again."

"Well, dear, I start on my vacation to-morrow morning, and I guess we will see each other a little more than we have been doing. Steve has not been around to see me since. He must be working."

"If you don't see him you had better drop him a card telling him to leave the keys for you on Sunday night. If I don't hurry up and finish this I won't be able to finish it at all, for I shall be keeping bawling away. I think I can feel trouble coming to-night in the shape of a good third sleep. I would be just my luck on my last night. Well, darling, I'll be waiting for you on Sunday night, so good-by until then. Your loving friend, MIKE."

The face of Mrs. Nevins during the reading of this letter was a study. When another letter was read in which "Your loving friend, Mike," describes how he has been thinking of her, telling her the story and how he was trying to square himself, she looked up at the Magistrate as though she would like to scratch her eyes out.

"Your husband appears to be no good," said the Magistrate to Mrs. Nevins. "I shall issue a summons to have him appear in court to-morrow morning and will postpone the examination of this woman until that time."

Mrs. Nevins does not agree with the Magistrate. She says her husband was a good man until he met Mrs. Hanson and has been a bad man since he broke with the widow. Mrs. Nevins has three children, the youngest four weeks old.

## BLOCKADE RAISED OFF VENEZUELA.

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Tower here at 8 o'clock yesterday evening, informing him that the protocols would be signed during the evening and expressing his pleasure at the happy result.

Chancellor Von Buelow and Baron Von Reithoven both express satisfaction and approval of the United States Government's course and friendly attitude throughout the episode.

Baron Speck Von Sternburg, by direction of his Government, informed the German Embassy at Washington, will be granted leave of absence, and the government here having taken into cognizance adverse statements circulating in the United States, and anti-Venezuelan propaganda of Germany's position were supplied to the United States Government.

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## MRS. ANNIE HANSON, WHO TRIED TO KILL HERSELF FOR LOVE.



## GIANT WAVES HIT GERMANIC. MILLIONAIRE'S HOUSE LOOTED.

Big Liner Has a Tempestuous Voyage, and Oil Is Used to Quiet the Monster Waves That Assail Her.

### PASSENGERS ARE ALARMED.

Battered and bruised by the great seas that beat against her all the way across the Atlantic, the big White Star liner Germanic arrived in port to-day, two days overdue.

Never were there gladder passengers than those who stepped from her deck at the pier. They all united in declaring the trip filled them with terror. It was the most tempestuous ever experienced. Capt. Smith said that it was not only the roughest trip the Germanic ever had, but in his sea career he had never before seen anything like the tremendous seas that were encountered almost from the first day of sailing.

At the beginning of the trip a few hours out from Queenstown the first of the great gales was encountered. The ship weathered it all right, but as they progressed it became more and more threatening until early on Thursday morning a week ago the great waves were breaking over the port side and rolling the big steamer until sleep was impossible for the passengers.

### Had to Stop the Engines.

Again on Friday morning the seas rose to a great height and swept the steamer from every direction. The captain ordered the engines to shut down, and for three hours the Germanic tossed about helplessly in mid-ocean. Later in the day the weather cleared slightly and the boat proceeded slowly.

The ship's log, which, as a rule, can be depended upon to minimize the danger and the extreme conditions, will show the terrible weather as it was experienced day by day. It is as follows:

### High Seas All the Way.

Feb. 6—320 miles; fresh breeze and fresh gale; highly confused seas.

Feb. 7—321 miles; strong breeze; very heavy seas.

Feb. 8—384 miles; fresh gale; high head seas.

Feb. 9—333 miles; strong gale; high confused seas.

Feb. 10—344 miles; strong gale; high confused seas.

Feb. 11—355 miles; enormous west-erly seas.

Feb. 12—353 miles; very high seas.

Feb. 13—343 miles; very high seas.

James R. Pope, of New York, who was a first-class passenger, said he had never experienced such a voyage, although he has crossed the ocean many times in winter.

### GERMANY THREATENING?

Poulney Bigelow Thinks So; Suggests Anglo Alliance as Check.

"The Coming Struggle for the Markets of the East" was the theme of the address lecture in the course of "Our New Problems in World Politics" which was delivered to-day by Poulney Bigelow before the League for Political Education. Mr. Bigelow declared that in our efforts to secure markets in distant lands we are bound to clash with Germany's colonial expansion policy, which threatens in South America to come in collision with the Monroe Doctrine.

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